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N. PLUMADORE—Cigar manufacturer.

—We shall next week give the programme of Alamance Centennial.

—What is the difference between Bliss and Blister? Mis-mated married men may rise up in reply.

—Macon having added her 7 votes to the Jarvis column the account stands, to the best of our knowledge and belief, 63 for Jarvis, 130 for Fowle.

—It is now definitely known that Hon. John Manning's name will be presented to Durham Convention: and with great probability of his nomination.

—The Davidson College marshals will wear rosettes instead of regalia; but the boys claim that on a pretty girl (and all girls are pretty at commencement) they will be even more becoming than the sash.

—Five trains will run to Wake Forest during the 22d; and 40 Sunday Schools are expected to take part. How old Herod's fingers will itch as he looks up at that college campus!

—There was a select hop, in Hyman's Hall, (and Hyman was not far distant, you may bet your Sunday-go-to-meetin' hat.) Warren on Friday night. Messrs. Tasker Polk, F. H. Wilcox, and T. A. Montgomery, managers.

—After hearing able argument, Judge Gudgeon refused to sign the decree of divorce in the case of Jake Webber, who died a few minutes before the jury brought in the verdict in his favor. An appeal was taken, and will afford a nice legal point for the Supreme court, says the *Southerner*.

—The *Messenger* learns that Gov. Jarvis has arranged that the colored Insane Asylum, near Goldsboro, will be opened by the 1st June. Its complete capacity is 125 patients; now, it can only accommodate 75. A. A. Bonitz, Esq., is Secretary of the Board of Directors, and letters should be addressed to him.

—A very loud silence fell upon a social party the other night when a chap with more lungs than wit called across the room to a young bride to sing "your favorite—'Baby Mine!'" She complied, very sweetly; but we should like to wager a new hat that one name will never be mentioned in a certain nursery when christening time comes.

—Dr. A. R. Ledoux & Co., Agricultural Chemists and Chemical Engineers, office, 17 Cedar street, New York, is an advertisement in the *Rural New Yorker*, which also remarks that "North Carolina's loss is likely to prove a gain, not to New York only, but to all the neighboring States whose farmers can avail themselves of the Doctor's services."

—To our excellent friend, Wm. H. Jones, Esq., we are indebted for samples of brown sugar, manufactured from common corn-stalks. They were sent to him by Prof. Collier, of the Washington Agricultural Department, who has taken much interest in the experiments for making sugar from maize. It is asserted that 960 lbs of first-class sugar have been made from one acre of stalks, in addition to the crop of 12 or 15 barrels of corn. We have read a good deal about the discovery, which originated with Mr. F. L. Stewart of Pennsylvania; but a more practical and assured idea of it is obtained on seeing the actual "sweetstain,"—white and handsome,—only surpassed by the sweetness of some of our North Carolina lasses. Bless 'em! One of the samples was made from the Early Amber (Sorghum) cane which has created such a stir in the west.

THE DAILY EVENING POST.—Without a word of warning, or even the usual platitudinous salutory, the latest venture in daily journalism, stepped out upon our streets, Thursday afternoon, and was well received at all hands. Though small, it is large enough, neatly arranged, plainly printed and wears a permanent look—while as for matter, it is enough to say that Maj. W. A. Hearne, the editor-in-chief has full swing therein. We predict that the *Post* will not lack for readers.

JOURNALISTIC.—The *Jackson Reporter* says: We had the pleasure a few days ago of meeting Mrs. Cicero Harris, of the *South Atlantic*. She thinks of moving to Baltimore. [NOTE.—She has decided to go, we regret to state. See advertisement elsewhere.]—Capt. R. F. Fulghum's *Daily Greensboro Post* has appeared, and in excellent style, with readable editorials, and a page full of locals. It also takes the telegraphic despatches. Though an experiment, it looks like success, as we trust it may prove.

NOT NEEDED.—The *Hickory Carolinian* agrees with the *FARMER AND MECHANIC* that there is no need for West Point, or a militia army. It says:—"There is no question about the great danger to our government of keeping up and fostering a military spirit. The standing army should be abolished—literally wiped out so clean that it will be forgotten. That beastly school where American youths are strained in the art of butchering men ought to be turned into a training school of mechanics and the useful arts, and placed under charge of christian men who will teach the doctrine 'Beat the spear into plowshares and the sword into pruning hooks.'"

THE WHY AND WHEREFORE.—A friend wishes to know why we copy so much about Judge Fowle and Julian S. Carr. The explanation is easy. We undertake to give each week a reflex of the political shadowings of our State exchanges. We take from each paper a fair sample of its opinions relative to the aspirants for the several offices. Hence if our columns seem to lean to Judge Fowle it is because the majority of the papers and communications are in his favor. If we have ever omitted anything said in Gov. Jarvis' favor it must have been due to failure to receive the number of the paper containing it. (See note elsewhere.) Our object is to keep our readers fully informed of the drift of public sentiment, as made manifest in the local organs of the party. Very few persons can afford to subscribe for every paper in the State; but they can at least ascertain through our columns how other papers are leaning. It is hardly necessary to add that many papers have expressed no preference; and that there are frequent changes as the campaign progresses; the desire of the press being to settle upon the strongest and the best man for the place.

RALEIGH DOTS.—The Metropolitan Hall meetings closed last week with upwards of 166 converts as the fruits.—The Edenton Street M. E. Sunday School went on a picnic to Littleton yesterday.—A bride with a \$400 diamond ring is bound to dazzle all beholders.—Sundays *Observer* prints an original poem, *De Profundis*, by Ex-Governor Holden. The same paper says Tourgee is coming back to Greensboro to live.—The brace of brides, Mrs. Colonel F. H. Cameron and Mrs. W. H. Coleman, are both voted to be very pretty and attractive.—Our thanks are due to Donald W. Bain, Esq., Supt., for a ticket to the Methodist Sunday School excursion to Littleton this (Wednesday) morning. By all accounts it will be a delightful affair. The *Visitor* notes the fact that one half of the long dining table will be in Halifax county; the other half in Warren. Mr. J. S. Wynne will act as chief marshal; assisted by Councilman F. B. Arndell and Mr. Jos. G. Brown. The following gentlemen will take care of the little folks: W. J. Young, A. A. Green, A. H. Green, N. R. Richardson, P. R. Uzzle, E. F. Pescud, W. M. Sanders, L. W. Peck, G. W. Wynne, Brown Peckram, R. M. Cross, S. C. White, J. D. Creech, R. W. Best, W. W. Wilson, N. G. Whitfield, M. T. Goodwin, N. A. Steadman, T. H. Hill, C. B. Barbee, R. H. Atwater, T. A. Partin, L. N. Keith, T. B. Crowder, W. D. Brown, C. W. Lambeth, D. S. Waitt, Ford Taylor, R. Moore, C. R. Lee.—On Tuesday and Friday nights, the ladies of the 1st Baptist church will hold a Festival at Tucker Hall, with strawberries, cream, sweetmeats and sweet faces in "regardless" profusion. Let us paraphrase Tasso, and say—"Abandon your bank account, ye who enter here!"

## BRIEF MENTION OF MEN AND MATTERS.

—We regret to learn from the *Wilson Advance* that two of our patrons met with severe injuries last week. Rev. C. W. Westbrook fell from a moving train and painfully fractured the bone of his nose; and R. W. King, Esq., member of the Legislature, fell from a ladder, and injured his head.—Our esteemed confrere of the *Jackson Reporter* has been "starring" it. He says:—"The senior editor escorted the St. Catherine girls to Washington. The party returned on Tuesday. We had a delightful trip as well as a profitable one. All the places of interest were visited, though we believe the young ladies were more pleased with the Corcoran Art Gallery and the Smithsonian Institute than with all the rest."—Dr. W. R. Capeheart's gin-house, &c., was recently burnt, but he lost not a moment in replacing it, and we learn has made a very successful season with his fisheries.—Mr. Lott Croom was 80 years the other day when he led his fourth bride to the altar, in the person of Mrs. R. A. McGowan, aged 60, in Pender county, as we learn from the *Reverie*.—Geo. H. Snow, Esq., has been elected county attorney with a salary of \$400.

COUNTY CONVENTIONS.—May 15, Lincoln, Duplin, Gaston; May 17, Pamlico, Warren; May 18, Mecklenburg; May 22, Pitt, Rowan, Anson; May 27, Wilson; May 27, Beaufort, Cabarrus, Burke; June 1, Edgecombe; June 5, Alamance, Johnston, Randolph, Wayne, Guilford, Iredell, Rockingham, Union; June 7th, Chatham, Orange, Nash, Gaston, June 22, Buncombe.

DEATHS.—In Raleigh, Mrs. T. H. Selby, an estimable lady.—On Wednesday, Mrs. N. Rideout, wife of Mr. James T. Rideout.—In Wake, W. H. Creech, on the 5th inst.—In Baltimore, on the morning of the 4th inst., after a prolonged illness, B. R. Sherwood, Esq., formerly of Warrenton and Raleigh, but for the last ten years a citizen of Baltimore.—In this city, May 10th, James Furrice, infant son of W. J. and Katie W. Edwards, aged one year and eight months.

ADDRESSES.—Capt G. S. Bradshaw, editor of the *Asheboro Courier*, will deliver the literary oration at Friendship Academy in Alamance county to-morrow, and we feel sure will acquit himself handsomely, likewise, with Brother F. B. McDowell of the *Southern Home*, is to read the Declaration at the Charlotte Centennial, May 20th. Maj. Clem Dowd will deliver the Address. Maj. John M. Daniel, of Lynchburg, Va., has been selected to deliver the Dedicatory oration, at Kings Mountain monument, in October, Virginia, Tennessee, and the Carolinas will take part officially through their State officers and volunteer soldiery, on the occasion.

MEMORIAL DAY.—Despite the hot and dusty weather, a larger assemblage than ordinary crowded the grassy slopes of Oakwood on Monday: and above one hundred ex-Confederates marched in the procession. Col. Wharton Green, the Orator of the Day, delivered an address, full of beauty, force, and patriotism, which by all accounts was exceedingly well received. We trust Col. Green, will have the address printed, in "broad-side" form, for distribution among his friends. After the exercises a salute of 11 guns by the "R. L. A." and "R. L. I." was fired, pending the decoration of the graves. This was done by means of small white flags, crowned with flowers, a very fitting device.

At Greensboro, the *Patriot* says, an assemblage of 2,500 participated, and Judge Fowle's address was pronounced a splendid performance.

AND THE WATERS CLOSED OVER THEM!—On Thursday morning as the long train of carriages passed through our streets bearing the members of Hickman Lodge, Good Templars, to Penny's Pond, on their annual Pic-nic, many a weary worker envied them of their pleasure, or sighed that it could not be shared. At the Pond, which is quite deep, and very cold, John McMillan, Beaugard Crocker, and Miss Annie Mitchell went out in a frail canoe to fish. Charlie Jordan and Hey Rodgers were in another boat. The first boat drifted around a point, and ran upon a snag, causing it to capsize—about 35 yards from the shore. Both young men bravely strove to save Miss Mitchell, and she owes her life to them, since had either of them selfishly clung to the boat, or swam for the beach, she must have perished. As it was, they held her up until both sank in the dark and icy waters. Meantime, Charlie Jordan, a youth of 16, hearing the cries, hastened around the point, and seeing the blue bay in Miss Mitchell's hair under the water, gallantly dived and brought her up, while young Rogers placed the boat at his side. They were scarcely strong enough to lift her into the boat, but succeeded in reaching the shore in time for her resuscitation. Well may Hickman Lodge, and Raleigh, and our State, take pride in the behavior of each of the chief participants in this melancholy affair. Repeated attempts failed to recover the bodies of the drowned, until Mr. S. M. Parish at length recovered both. No sadder procession ever entered the town than was this returning pic-nic party.

Both the young men were buried on Friday in the same grave. Let their memory be kept green.

HENDERSON TOBACCONIST ITEMS.—The picnic at Hawkins pond on Saturday was a very pleasant affair. A dozen or two of Henderson's fair and charming daughters, with their gallant cavaliers were participants. A May-Queen's throne was erected and decorated with flowers; and to crown its beauty, Her Majesty (Miss) Lillia Carmer was selected to dispense her grace-favors as Queen of May and may-dens. Miss Lizzie Watkins and Miss Sallie Clark were chosen as Brides-maids—we mean maids of honor. Mr. Manning was chosen King; and Mr. J. W. Cooper delivered the coronation address; and the flowery crown was placed upon the fair brow of the lovely Queen. Then came dinner, and a jolly afternoon. Miss Bessie Heavlin was taken quite sick on her return from the picnic, and has been ill all week.—Miss Fannie Hester and Miss Tempie Perry have returned home, leaving many friends in Henderson.—Mr. W. T. Porter is getting up a company to connect Henderson and Oxford by telephone.—The tobacco breaks have been pretty fair this week and prices ditto. The farmers always go home with a broad smile on their countenance.

GEN. JONES ON THE MILITIA BILL.—On the interior pages of this paper will be found a letter from Adjutant-General Johnstone Jones, in reference to the proposed new Militia Law. By training, by instinct, and by association, together with perhaps a touch of paternal pride, our friend Gen. Jones speaks warmly of the bill, and sees in it many excellencies over the old law.

It is not probable that anything we might say would at all affect the fate of the Bill; therefore having already expressed our views on it, we shall but briefly remark.

1st. Granting the old militia law to be obsolete and worthless, why not go further and abolish the whole system? When in American History did ever a brigade of militia stand fire for a half a dozen rounds; or fail to demoralize the regulars by their flight? But, say the advocates of the new law, we propose to organize and discipline this the new commands until they will stand fire. Just so! Then, we shall have a standing army of 25,000 Regulars; and a "National Guard" of 200,000 as a Reserve. A strong government, bent upon foreign wars, or the crushing of internal States, might have use for such a force. In America it would be a steady drain upon the Treasury, a standing threat to the civil powers, and utterly un-needed perhaps for a century to come.

True, the "Guard" is to be primarily under State control;—that is to say, when not called into Federal service by the President. Under the present system it is not easy for the government to use the militia. Abe Lincoln in 1861, preferred to call for 75,000 "volunteers." Had there been at that day a "National Guard" of 700 well armed, well trained, well officered soldiers in each Congressional district it would have been easy to whip out the Gulf-States before the Border States could come to the rescue.

U. S. Grant in 1884 would need nothing better than these 700 National Guardsmen in each Congressional District to insure his permanent election. The Southern States Guards might oppose, but the stalwarts would be in the majority.

The *National Guard* is truly an ill-starred name! It was the "National Guard" of France by whose bayonets Napoleon the 1st, overturned the First Republic. It was by the same Guard that Louis Napoleon re-established the Empire!

Our friend after arguing at length that a militia system is indispensable to the security of the State—(the intention being to give the bone and sinew of the country some knowledge of military tactics and duties) proceeds to show that the new bill will cut down the number of these experts to some 700 men in each Congressional District, thus doing away with the very basis of our militia organization. In a military point of view, this may be judicious; it is not certainly from a civil and republican standpoint. We do not know that it is worth while to allude to the power of such an "electroconvulsive machine" as 700 men in each District, uniformed, equipped, trained, inspired by a strong *esprit-de-corps*, devoted to their officers, and ever ready to approve of any public man favoring their organization, or *vice versa*. Even under the old system a popular Militia General generally went to Congress.

Nor is it necessary to say that our objections to the Bill are in no wise condemnatory of Gen. Jones. We agree with all that Gen. Jones says of him. We think well of him.

But like Gen. Jones, he takes a soldier's view of the measure; whereas we consider its chief danger to rest in the fact that *militia men* are so strong in its favor. Should Grant be elected this fall, thereby showing that the majority of the country wish to abandon the Republic of our ancestors, and set up a centralized, consolidated, strong NATIONAL government, then we shall go heartily for the Bill, provided the name be changed to "*Grant Guards*," and provided, of course, we are given a Brigadier General therein.

ACTIVE MEN WANTED.—Whenever the Republicans carry a State it is largely due to the fact that energetic, zealous men are selected to manage the local campaigns. An active man of this kind is far more useful than a dozen "leading citizens," who accept the honor but never spend a dollar, write a letter, or win a vote. At the Northampton county convention, Col. R. B. Peebles presented the following, which was adopted:—

"Resolved, That the Democratic party of Northampton recommend to the State convention that the Central Executive Committee be authorized and empowered to remove on five days notice the chairman of any county committee who fails to answer inquiries made to him by the central committee, or who otherwise fails to discharge the duties of his office. Any vacancy thus caused to be filled by the central committee."

VOLUNTEERED KINDNESS.—If the people of the State desire the most reading matter and of the best and most desirable quality for the least money we would recommend to them the *Farmer and Mechanic*, edited by Randolph A. Shotwell and J. W. Dowd, who know just how to make a newspaper to suit all classes. Price \$2 per year; \$1.15 per six months.—Northampton Reporter.

—The *Farmer and Mechanic* comes to us every week brim full of choice news of all kinds and from everywhere. We doubt if there is a more newsy paper in the State. Moore Index.

TOWN ELECTIONS.—Durham, elected Isaac N. Link; and the following aldermen: R. D. Blackhall, Caleb B. Green, Wm. M. Maynor, L. E. Cooper and N. A. Ramsay.

At Greensboro, S. C. Dodson was chosen mayor, and the following commissioners: L. Scott, A. P. Eckle, W. K. Eldridge, J. C. Cunningham, C. G. Yoder and Willie Sikes.—Weldon chose the following ticket: T. L. Emory, L. M. Long, R. P. Spiers, R. E. Butler, and B. F. Sledge.—At Charlotte the following were chosen: R. M. Miller, C. Scott, C. W. Eddins, Walter Brem, D. W. Oates, Edwards, C. F. Walker, D. G. Maxwell, Dowd, J. H. Van Ness, J. F. Schenk and J. Davidson.—At Rockingham, A. B. Nicholson was elected by 5 majorities on A. M. McAulay, Councilman; R. L. Steele, W. I. Everett, J. W. Dawkins, H. C. Dockery and W. C. Thomas.—Henderson elected a "compromise" ticket, consisting of Dr. J. S. Meadows, mayor; W. W. Young, T. C. Joyner, Col. H. H. Harris, N. Hawkins, and H. Wyche.—The last named being negroes.—Wilson elected P. E. Hines, mayor; S. M. Warren, Geo. W. Blount, J. W. Thorne, B. H. Tison, S. B. Waters, councilmen.—Franklin elected Dr. C. Winston, mayor; W. P. Clegg, W. L. McGhee, B. F. Ballou, Jr., I. G. Stanton, and S. L. Long, commissioners.—Louisburg elected B. H. Massenburg, mayor; Thos. White, M. Davis, Z. T. Terrell, B. P. Clifton.—Pittsboro forgot to hold an election. At any rate, the *Record* says "to the surprise of every one no election was held on Monday."—At Graham, the following board was chosen: J. W. Harden, J. A. Graham, R. A. Nocil, W. C. Donnell and J. N. Williamson.—At Oxford: Mayor, John Blackwell; Commissioners, A. H. A. Williams, B. H. Cozart, W. A. Davis, B. G. Gee.

RACE FOR A WIFE.—Two young gentlemen, one of Lenoir and the other of Polkville, procured license of the register of deeds to marry the same girl, each believing he was the favored suitor. On several hours ahead of the other at the register's office. They left Polkville a full tilt. Mr. Whitty was the successful knight, although Mr. Miller arrived at the residence of the fair "Dulcinea" first. He was met at the door by the sister of his affianced who returned to him presents that had been made by him; thereupon he immediately left.—*Kinston Journal*.

Half a dozen such instances are now being the rounds of the press, which prompt us to remark what a con-twisted curiosity human nature!

Not knowing much about the petticoat sex, we shall scarcely venture to say that a girl is worth having who hasn't sufficient decision of character to decide emphatically between two suitors. But we are bound to declare that the lover must be a curious specimen of humanity who is willing to marry a girl so flighty in disposition that even up to the morning of her wedding day she could have any doubt in whose arms, whose wife she should be that night.

The man who marries without knowing, or at least, believing, that his wife prefers him to every other man among those she can get, is—well! is entitled to have his babies marked with a strawberry mole on the left ear, by way of precaution.

These remarks, of course, are not made with reference to the above case, as we know nothing of the circumstances.

AN IMMENSE ESTABLISHMENT.—The new ware store of Briggs & Sons is one of the finest and most completely stocked in the South. The store fronts on Fayetteville, and extends through to Salisbury street, 32 feet wide, 200 feet long and 10 feet high with 120 feet of shelving on each side. The north side of the room is divided into five sections of shelving and five counters. The first and second sections are devoted exclusively to builders' shelf hardware, which the firm carry an immense stock. The third section is the department of carpenter's tools, where can be found an assortment of first class articles. The fourth section is filled with carriage bolts, axle clips, bands and other shelf goods pertaining to wagon and carriage making. The fifth section is devoted to miscellaneous goods, also assorted paints in small packages. In this line the firm carry a large stock of white lead and painters' supplies. Foremost among their brands of lead is their celebrated "Pure Buck" lead, which they have sold for the past fourteen years. The "Town and Country" paints, ready to use, are a specialty. The south side of the store is divided the same as the north side and is devoted exclusively to house furnishing goods. The remaining space of the store, 32x86 feet, is the department of full packages, also spokes, rims, hubs, in fact, a full assortment of wagon and buggy material, stoves, hollow ware, cash, doys, &c. The firm carry the finest stock of children's carriages ever shown here. The cellar runs the entire length of the store, (entrance front and rear entrance) and is used for keeping machine linseed and other oil varnishes, (in barrels and casks), iron, &c. &c. Adjoining their store proper they have a large two-story warehouse, in which are kept lime, cement and plaster. The buy of manufacturers, in large lots, can quote goods at bottom prices.

—Welcome to our friends, the Odd Fellows! Among them are many good fellows we are glad to clasp hands with.